

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 127

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37—Relative to the Santa Monica Municipal Airport.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 37, Lieu. Santa Monica Municipal Airport.

This measure would respectfully memorialize the Federal Aviation Administration to engage in a collaborative process to review the safety of flight operations at the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, and examine the role that the airport plays in the regional aviation transportation system.

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO) is situated on the border separating the Cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, SMO is one of the most residentially encroached airports in the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, Jet operations at SMO have increased from less than 2,000 in 1983 to more than 18,500 in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Flight operations at SMO are often hindered or delayed by the proximity of the airport to the Los Angeles International Airport; and

WHEREAS, The safety of the residents who live in proximity to the airport, both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles, is a prime concern of the officials who represent the area at the various levels of government; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has primary jurisdiction over aviation in the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the FAA to engage in a collaborative process to review the safety of flight operations at SMO, and examine the role that SMO plays in the regional aviation transportation system; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the FAA to engage in an open and transparent process that includes input from the Cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles, appropriate local and state elected officials, and affected community organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the FAA to honor the decision of the City of Santa Monica to increase safety precautions at SMO and restrict the use of Class C and D aircraft at SMO; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Administrator of the FAA, to the United States Secretary

of Transportation, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

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